

International Translation Day 2026

Linguistic Diversity and Language Rights: The Power of Being Understood

September 30th, 2026

7.00 am PDT, 4 pm CEST

Welcome Address (15 min)

- **Ms. Jeannette Stewart**, Founder, Translation Commons (USA)
 - Welcome Address (5 min)
- **Mr. Guilherme Canela de Souza Godoi**, Director for Division for Digital Inclusion and Policies and Digital Transformation, UNESCO (France)
 - Opening Remarks (5 min)
- **Ms Allison Rodriguez**, President, International Federation of Translators, (Australia)
 - Opening Remarks (5 min)

7.15 am PDT, 4.15 pm CEST (20 min)

Opening Keynote

Moderator: **Prof. Hanem El-Farahaty**, Professor of Linguistics, T&I, University of Leeds (UK)

- **Dr. Dorothy Gordon**, Chair, UNESCO Information for All Programme (Ghana)
 - Rights, Policy, Social Justice and Language Preservation (15 min)
- Q&A (5 min)

7.35 am PDT, 4.35 pm CEST (55 min)

Theme no 1: Identity, Culture, Human Experience and Language Revitalization

Moderator: **Dr. Jandhyala Prabhakar Rao**, Former Professor of Linguistics, University of Hyderabad (India)

- **Mr. Tex Texin**, Globalization Architect, Board of Advisors, Translation Commons (USA)
 - Creating a Fast Track for Digitizing Languages (10 min)
- **Mr. Yadaiah G Dev**, Koyathore Bata, Tribe-Koya: Koya a dialect of Gondi (India)
 - Development and promotion of children's literature in Koya language(10 min)
- **Dr. Hammal Al Balushi**, Sultan Qaboos University (Oman)
 - Harsusi Documentation: Challenges, Achievements & Future Directions (10 min)
- **Mr. Dhan Man Gurung**, Chairperson, The National Council House of Gurung (Nepal)
 - An Outline of the Khema Script (10 min)
- **Prof. Carmen Valero-Garcés**, University of Alcalá (Spain)
 - AI and Linguistic Diversity: Bridging the Gap between Dominant Languages and Languages of Migration (10 min)
- Q&A (5 min)

8.30 am PDT, 5.30 pm CEST (5 min)

Performance

- **Ms. Verf Lena Egardt**, Ulum Dalska, The Organization for the Preservation of Elfdalian, (Sweden)
 - Traditional music in Elfdalian (5 min)

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Theme no 2: Technology, Translation and the Future of Linguistic Diversity

Moderator: **Dr. Rambhatla Siva Prasad**, Title, company/institution (India)

- **Dr. Xianhong Hu**, Programme Specialist, UNESCO (France)
 - UNESCO's Global Roadmap on Multilingualism in the Digital Era (10 min)
- **Prof. Elin Emilsson Ingvarsdóttir**, Universidad Pedagógica Nacional (Mexico)
Co-presented with: **Mr. Didier Chan**, **Mr. Rayo Cruz**, **Mr. Nelson Martinez**, **Ms. Narcedalia Vasquez**
 - Beyond Words on a Page: Enhanced Translation, Indigenous Languages, and Community-Led Technologies (10 min)
- **Ms. Navya Tuteja**, Founder, Empower InvisAbilities (USA)
 - Traceable Accessibility: What Should AI Preserve When It Translates Meaning? (10 min)
- **Mr. Sjur Nørstebø Moshagen**, UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Norway
 - Who owns your language? (10 min)
- **Dr. Daniel Pimienta**, OBDILCI (Dominican Republic)
 - The uncovered reality of today's multilingualism of the Internet, both a motivation and a concern for Indigenous languages (10 min)
- Q&A (5 min)

9:30 am PDT, 6:30 pm CEST (20 min)

Closing Keynote

Moderator: **Prof. Hanem El-Farahaty**, Professor of Linguistics, Translation and Interpreting University of Leeds (UK)

- **Ms. Mei Lin Fung**, UN AI for Good
 - When Languages Die, Wisdom Is Lost Forever (15 min)
- Q&A (5 min)

9:50 am PDT, 6.50 pm CEST (10 min)

Closing Address

- **Mr. Tex Texin**, Globalization Architect, Board of Directors, Translation Commons (USA)
 - Closing Address (10 min)